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To: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
Real Estate Advisory Panel

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Subject: Real Property Retention Review, 2008 Annual Report

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) owns real estate worth millions of dollars, which provides public transportation infrastructure and services or houses employees, equipment or materials supporting transportation operations. Government Code Section 11011.18 and Governors' Executive Order S-10-04 mandates that the Department evaluates its real estate portfolio annually and retains only those properties supporting its mission.

The Real Property Retention Review process is the framework within which the Department assesses its real estate holdings and determines whether or not they are needed to meet long-term operational goals and objectives. To properly fulfill its statutory and administrative obligations, Department Deputy Directive (DD) 21 R3 directs each District Director to annually form a Real Property Retention Review Committee, comprised of senior management representatives from functional areas controlling the Department's real property holdings, to comprehensively review lands and buildings supporting transportation operations, excess land parcels on hold, and parcels being held for viable future projects. While the overwhelming majority of these properties effectively serve the needs of the public and the Department, the Department must identify properties that are underused, not required, or no longer conform to surrounding neighborhood uses and determine appropriate disposition.

SUMMARY:

In conformance with obligations under DD 21 R3, the Department has completed the annual review of its real estate holdings, and is submitting a copy of the 2008 Real Property Retention Review Annual Report (Report) to the Real Estate Advisory Panel for informational purposes. The Report, completed in July 2008, reflects findings and recommendations associated with the parcel-specific review undertaken by each district between January 2008 and April 2008 of lands and buildings supporting transportation operations, excess land parcels on hold, and parcels needed for future projects. The review examined 4,985 parcels and determined that 1,568 parcels

were required to support transportation operations, 548 excess land parcels were to be held for local public agencies, engineering or legal reasons, or environmental mitigation, 216 parcels were being used by current projects, 2,403 parcels should be held for viable future projects, and 238 parcels could be made available for sale or other conveyance. Department staff will actively pursue the appropriate methods of disposal for these parcels through the real property disposal plans.

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